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WAR DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFYING CHINA THEATER THAT SSU MISSION WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE WITHDRAWN BUT WILL MAINTAIN TEAMS IN AREAS WHERE COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE IS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSIONS OF COM 7TH FLEET AND COMGENUSAF, CHINA. GENERAL WEDEMEYER AND GENERAL MARSHALL AGREE WITH THIS DECISION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OVERALL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO SSU HERE BY CIG, SOME REDUCTION OF THE PRESENT SSU PERSONNEL IN CHINA WILL BE EFFECTED. TEAMS WILL OPERATE ONLY IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY CHINESE OR US FORCES FOR COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE. NO REPEAT NO MOVEMENTS OF TEAMS WILL BE MADE IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIET FORCES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE, IT IS DESIRED YOU CONFER WITH THEATER HEADQUARTERS AND DETERMINE AREAS THEY AND 7TH FLEET DESIRE YOU TO COVER. MAXIMUM INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE WITH THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IS DESIRED. YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMGENUSAF CONCERNING DIRECTIVES, LOGISTIC SUPPORT, ETC. WILL REMAIN SAME AS WITH COMGENCT. POUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR PLAN, INCLUDING AREAS THAT WILL BE COVERED, PERSONNEL STRENGTH, REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS, ETC. COLONEL HEELEBOWER, SECRETARY OF GENERAL STAFF, CHINA THEATER, WAS PRESENT WHEN WAR DEPARTMENT MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED BY OPD AND CAN BE CONTACTED ON HIS RETURN IF ANY PART OF WAR DEPARTMENT MESSAGE NEEDS CLARIFICATION. IT IS REALIZED HERE THAT PREVIOUS INACTIVATION ORDER AND ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE ARRIVING SO CLOSE TOGETHER, COUPLED WITH PAST UNCERTAINTIES AS TO WHETHER YOUR UNIT WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS, HAS UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASED THE DIFFICULTY OF YOUR TASK. HOWEVER, WHILE YOUR CONTINUED OPERATIONS WILL BE IN AN OVERT STATUS, IT IS FELT THAT AN OPERATION OF THIS TYPE AT PRESENT WILL BE OF SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY PROBLEMS THAT NEED CLARIFICATION.

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